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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
United States Representative
Third District, Connecticut
59 Elm Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Congresswoman DeLauro:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the health care reform bill in its current form and to stand up against Speaker Pelosi's attempt to circumvent the required vote on the Senate bill.

I stand in strong opposition to the bill in its current form. While I agree that now is the time to be proactive about reducing the cost of health care, we cannot reduce its quality. Apart from threatening to erode the tremendous quality of health care in America, this bill makes an unprecedented move to federally fund abortions and make significant cuts to our current Medicare program. This Medicare program is extremely important in the district that we share and any cut, no matter how minimal, will have a negative impact upon them. Additionally, the bill will raise taxes and still has the potential to raise the national debt. Finally, the bill directly violates President Obama's promise of transparency by using pork to buy votes (Louisiana Purchase, and special deals for Tennessee and North Dakota, to name a few).

If you do truly believe in the bill, I hope you will stand before your colleagues in Congress and your constituents in Connecticut and publically cast your vote in favor of it. However, to vote only for the "fixes" and not the entire bill demonstrates a complete failure of the type of transparent and responsible leadership we need in Washington. As you know the "Slaughter Rule" is a ploy which will prevent you and your colleagues from standing up for what you believe. I urge you to demand that the bill be voted up or down on its merit and not use the "Slaughter Rule" as a method to hide Congress' true intentions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued support of the region.
I would be happy to discuss it further with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Len Fasano

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